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Ritchie:

Thanks, this is very helpful information.
It appears that the ball is in EPA's court.
We will be back to you on this.

Mary Lou

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Mary Lou:

John and I had a couple of very preliminary discussions, considered a few options, and asked legal council for advice. We have not spoken for many weeks.

From my point of view... the ball is NOT in our court. We have no proposed action and no analysis of effects (from EPA).

It is also my understanding that EPA wants to keep this issue (approval of the permits) separate from the broader FCRPS consultation. I have been very clear with John that we have next to zero bandwidth to work on a separate consultation in the time frame you are contemplating.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you by phone if I am misunderstanding one of these key points, or if something has changed from EPA's point of view.

-Ritchie

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On Thu, Aug 23, 2018 at 1:25 PM, Soscia, Mary Lou <Soscia.Marylou@epa.gov> wrote:

Michael:

I wanted to check back about the ESA consultation on the WA federal dam permits.

I spoke to Jenny Wu today, EPA R10 lead on developing the permits. Jenny told me that John Palmer and Ritchie Graves have been in discussion about the ESA consultation.

I am hopeful that these conversations are addressing the schedule issues for NOAA consultation that you and I discussed today.

We are still working to meet a 12/31/18 date for final permits.

I am also going to work to get Jenny on the Sept 18th Columbia River Federal Caucus agenda for a "no surprises update" on the development of the dam permits. I am copying Rosemary to start that Caucus agenda planning conversation.

We can also add that to Dan's conversation at the upcoming Fed Exec meeting if that would be helpful as well.

Thanks, Mary Lou

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